



State Senator **NANCY CASSIS** *E-NEWS UPDATE*

Competitive tax structure will help reduce Michigan's unemployment rate from highest in nation

Michigan's unemployment rate rose to an alarming 7.3 percent in December, the highest in the nation. In the last year, the state's economy lost 47,000 jobs. If there was any doubt before, there can be none now – the most important task facing our state is putting Michigan workers back to work.

The loss of jobs in Michigan speaks to our state's economic competitiveness. Michigan must retain and create jobs and train a highly skilled work force to be competitive with other states in the technology-driven economy.

Nothing strengthens the economy or helps businesses decide to locate in Michigan more than a competitive tax structure.

On Thursday, the governor will present a revenue neutral proposal to restructure the state's business tax. A revenue neutral proposal is questionable – will it make Michigan more economically competitive by encouraging investment and creating jobs?

As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, getting the state's economic engine revving again will be a top priority. In the coming weeks, we will take a look at many proposals. Most importantly, we need to implement pro-growth policies. I am confident that by working together, we can get positive results.

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